



2021 Multi-Agency Black History Month Celebration

The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

February 16, 2021

Pre-program 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Slideshow of historical photos & participating Agency Leaders

Program Begins at 12:00 Noon

Welcome

Rhonda L. Daviston, Celebration Event Co-Chair

Negro National Anthem

Damen Anderson

Opening Remarks

Governor Tom Wolf

Introduction of Performers

Allison Acevedo

- ❖ Richie School of Dance
- ❖ High School Student Poetry Winners
 - Nkemdiln Taft Nnochirionye
 - Shaniya Robinson
- ❖ CASA

Dance Performances

- ❖ Richie School of Dance
- ❖ CASA

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman of PA PUC

Keynote Speaker

Joanna E. McClinton, State Representative

Dance Performance

Richie School of Dance's 2020 Elite RSD Team

Closing Remarks

Wesley Alexander, Celebration Event Co-Chair

Thank you for joining us today!

Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Joanna E. McClinton

State Representative, 191st Legislative District, Democratic Caucus Leader, Pa House of Representatives

Joanna McClinton, Esquire studied Political Science and Leadership in Global Understanding at La Salle University where she was a Dean's List student, student leader and neighborhood tutor.

Immediately after graduating from LaSalle, she enrolled at Villanova University School of Law where she used her legal training to serve the public.

On Aug 25, 2015, she took the oath of office to serve the people of the 191st Legislative District after winning a special election two weeks prior.

In Nov. 2018, she became the first African-American and woman to be elected as the House Democratic Caucus chair for the 2019-20 legislative session.

Rep. McClinton is active in the community. She was a youth leader at her West Philadelphia home church, Open Door Mission for more than 10 years.

Rep. McClinton has received several awards in acknowledgement of her commitment to public service and enhancing the quality of life for residents in Philadelphia and Delaware Counties.



Poetry Winners

Nkemdilin Taft Nnochirionye

Susquehanna Township High School

Dauphin County

Shaniya Robinson

Harrisburg High School - Science TECH

Dauphin County

Performers

Richie School of Dance (RSD)

For more than 44 years RSD staff has been devoted to building a studio of excellence and uncompromising dedication to the idea of quality in dance education. The curriculum includes Classical Ballet, Pre-Pointe and Pointe and four levels of Jazz Competition Teams. RSD is located in Harrisburg, PA.

Imagine Dancers

- Shayla Dailey
- Cailyn Fuss
- Cadence Kanode
- Molly Klose
- Britteni Popp
- Kayla Popp
- Christi Zehner
- Shannon Zehner

Richie School of Dance Students

- Athena
- Shannon
- Matt
- Molly
- Zaria
- Braelynn
- Sophie
- Taniyah
- Syenna
- Julia
- Natalie
- Bella
- Vincie
- Cara
- Emmy
- Emma
- Shae
- Rylee Locker from We Are Hood Nation
- Lauren Theresa from We Are Hood Nation
- Kayla Popp from Funk Fugitives
- Britteni Popp from Funk Fugitives
- Shayla Dailey from Funk Fugitives
- Eric Durden Jr. from Funk Fugitives and We Are Hood Nation/Teacher at RSD
- Justine Diggs from Funk Fugitives and We Are Hood Nation/Teacher at RSD

Capital Area School for the Arts (CASA)

CASA is a 9th to 12th grade public charter school located in Harrisburg, PA. The school began as an arts magnet school, which CASA uses a 21st century, hybrid model of teaching and learning. CASA was founded in 2001 as a partnership between the Capital Intermediate Unit and Open Stage of Harrisburg (a regional professional theater group). The curriculum is designed to meet all of the PA Core State Standards. In 2013, CASA received charter status and converted to an intensive, all-day academic and arts high school

Performers

- Shalayah Kinder
- Kira Phillips
- Amani Weary

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